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Re: Docket No. 98N-1038

I am writing to urge you NOT to weaken labeling laws concerning foods which have been irradiated.

There is strong public support for clearly labeling foods which have been treated in this way. The public has a right to know how the food they buy has been produced and treated.

To weaken present regulations is to support agribusiness at the expense of the consumer.

THE PRIMARY ROLE OF ANY U.S. GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE TO PROTECT THE CONSUMER AND GIVE THEM THE INFORMATION THEY WANT IN ORDER TO BUY THE KINDS OF FOODS THEY WANT.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE U.S. CONSUMER. DON'T WEAKEN LABELING LAWS.

Big agribusiness can handle it. We do not want irradiated foods, and WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHEN THIS TECHNIQUE IS USED.

Yours truly,

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